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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, KS, EG

SUBJECT: ROKG POSITION ON MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

REF: STATE 203685

1. ACTING MOFA IO BUREAU DIRECTOR KIM DONG WHIE CALLED IN POLCOUNS OCTOBER 17 TO ASK FOR USG VIEWS OF MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND FOR ADVICE REGARDING POSITION ROK SHOULD ADOPT IF ASKED BY ARABS TO TAKE A STAND.

2. KIM'S IMMEDIATE CONCERN STEMMED FROM A CABLE HE HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM AMBASSADOR CHOE UN-SANG, ROK CONSUL-GENERAL IN CAIRO, STATING THAT HEADS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS IN CAIRO WERE BEING ASKED BY THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT TO STATE THEIR VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EAST WAR. CHOE HAS NOT YET BEEN CALLED IN BY EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT, BUT MOFA IS CONCERNED HE MAY BE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. KIM EXPLAINED THAT MOFA IS THINKING OF SIMPLY REITERATING TO THE EGYPTIANS ROK SUPPORT OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 AND CITING THE JULY 18, 1969 JOINT COMMUNIQUE BETWEEN THE ROK AND TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS. THIS COMMUNIQUE, ISSUED DURING FONMIN BOURGUIBA'S VISIT TO SEOUL, CALLED FOR A SETTLEMENT OF THE
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MIDDLE EAST SITUATION BASED ON THE UN RESOLUTIONS.

4. POLCOUNS PROVIDED KIM WITH RECENT UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT STATEMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST AND DREW ON REFTEL TO EXPLAIN USG POSITION, ALSO POINTED OUT THAT NEW YORK IS BEST PLACE TO DISCUSS EFFECT THE WAR MAY HAVE ON KORA QUESTION AT UN.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL ADVICE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH PROVIDE MOFA REGARDING ROK PUBLIC STAND ON ARAB ISRAELI WAR.
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